

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2309**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Fletcher**

February 19, 2010

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An act to amend Section 1011 of the Military and Veterans Code, relating to veterans.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2309, as introduced, Fletcher. Veterans' Home of California.

Existing law provides for the establishment and operation of the Veterans' Home of California at various sites, and declares that there is in the Department of Veterans Affairs a Veterans' Home of California, Yountville.

This bill would update that provision to declare that additionally there are in the department a Veterans' Home of California, Barstow, a Veterans' Home of California, Chula Vista, a Veterans' Home of California, Lancaster, and a Veterans' Home of California, Ventura. This bill would provide for the Veterans' Home of California, Chula Vista, to also be known as the "John Smith Memorial Veterans' Home."

This bill would also make other conforming changes.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 1011 of the Military and Veterans Code
- 2 is amended to read:
- 3 1011. (a) There is in the department a Veterans' Home of
- 4 California, Yountville, situated at Veterans' Home, Napa County.

~~(b) (1) The department may establish and construct a second home that shall be situated in the County of Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, or Ventura. The home may be located on one or more sites. The department shall operate the second home concurrently with the first home.~~

~~(2) The initial site is the Veterans' Home of California, Barstow, situated in Barstow, San Bernardino County. That site may provide skilled nursing care for up to 250 residents.~~

~~(3) When completed, the second site shall be the Veterans' Home of California, Chula Vista, situated in Chula Vista, San Diego County, pursuant to the recommendations made by the commission established pursuant to former Section 1011.5.~~

~~(4) When completed, the third site shall be the Veterans' Home of California, Lancaster, situated in Lancaster, Los Angeles County, pursuant to the recommendations made by the commission established pursuant to former Section 1011.5.~~

~~(5) When completed, the fourth site shall be the Veterans' Home of California, Ventura, situated in the community of Saticeoy, Ventura County.~~

~~(6) There shall be an administrator for, and located at, each site of the southern California home.~~

~~(7) The department may complete any preapplication process necessary with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs for construction of the second home.~~

~~(b) There is in the department a Veterans' Home of California, Barstow, situated in San Bernardino County.~~

~~(c) There is in the department a Veterans' Home of California, Chula Vista, situated in San Diego County. This veterans' home shall also be known as the "John Smith Memorial Veterans' Home."~~

~~(d) There is in the department a Veterans' Home of California, Lancaster, situated in Los Angeles County.~~

~~(e) There is in the department a Veterans' Home of California, Ventura, situated in Ventura County.~~

~~(e)~~

~~(f) The Legislature hereby finds and declares that the second home is homes are a new state function. The department may perform any or all work in operating the second home homes by independent contractors, except the overall administration and management of the home homes. Any and all actions of the~~

1 department taken before September 17, 1996, that are consistent  
2 with this subdivision are hereby ratified and confirmed, it having  
3 at all times been the intent of the Legislature that the department  
4 be so authorized.

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6 (g) There shall be an administrator for each home or homesite,  
7 who shall be recommended by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs  
8 and appointed by the Governor, and shall be located at that home  
9 or homesite. The salary for each administrator shall be subject to  
10 the approval of the Department of Personnel Administration.

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